GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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RELEASE OF TEXTILE QUOTA BY EUROPEAN UNION
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which the Exceptional Flexibilities for several Indian textile products quota will be released by the European Union;

(b) whether any MoU has been signed in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) The European Union has already released exceptional flexibilities amounting to 3500 tonnes and has also agreed to release balance exceptional flexibilities of 4500 tonnes for the year 2000. The additional quantities of 8000 tonnes have already been distributed for exports.

(b) & (c):No separate MoU has been signed in this regard. However, pursuant to the successful conclusion of the Indo-EU consultations in July 2001, a Record of Discussions was signed. Accordingly, India has notified the revised tariff bindings to WTO.On the other hand, EU has released 3,500 tonnes of exceptional flexibilities and would be releasing the balance 4,500 tonnes of exceptional flexibilities for year 2000. EU has also agreed to release 8,000 tonnes of exceptional flexibilities each year during the remaining years till 2004, i.e. till the end of the textile quota regime.